

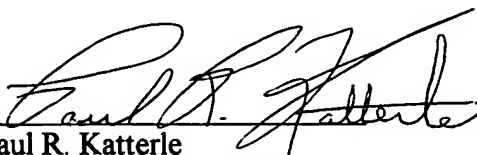
**REMARKS**

The present application currently has claims 1-24 pending. In response to a restriction requirement made by the Examiner, claims 16-24 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has determined that pending claims 1-24 recite three distinct inventions, namely Invention I (claims 1-15), Invention II (claims 16-19) and Invention III (claims 20-24), and is requiring the Applicant to elect one of the inventions to be examined. In accordance with this requirement, Applicant hereby elects Invention I for examination. In accordance with this election, Applicant has cancelled claims 16-24.

Respectfully submitted,

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